Title: Need to take up the work of railway line between Nalgonda-Macheria and Raichur in Andhra Pradesh - Laid.

DR. MANDA JAGANNATH (NAGARKURNOOL): Surveys were conducted for Railway line between Macherla and Raichur via Nagarkurnoool Parliamentary constituency. This line cuts the distance between coastal districts and Mumbai considerably than via Guntakal, Raichur and also helps in establishing industries in backward districts of Nalgonda and Mehaboobnagar in Telangana. Also some cement factories came out in Nalgonda. It also helps in avoiding the migration of "Palmooru" labour who are specialised in construction work as this line helps them in getting jobs, labour works and growing of commercial crops in that area because of good transport system. After my repeated appeals during 11th Lok Sabha, this project was included in July, 1997. Supplementary Budget for Railways clubbing the line between Nalgonda and Macherla with Macherla and Raichur line and making this as a single project, i.e., construction of new railway line between Raichur-Macherla-Nalgonda. In first phase, railway line between Nalgonda and Macherla was estimated at Rs. 48 crore and a token amount was set aside for taking up the first-phase works. Now, I request the Ministry of Railways, Government of India to take up the railway line between Nalgonda-Macherla and Raichur immeidately to fulfil the long-cherished desires of the people of Nalgonda, Mehboobnagar and Raichur distiricts.